

The Lake Wononscopomuc Association

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February 25, 2019

Senator Christine Cohen and Representative Mike Demicco
Environment Committee Co-Chairs
Legislative Office Building, Room 3200
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Sen. Cohen and Rep. Demicco

I am writing to support H.B. 6637 and the suggested changes from the Connecticut Federation of Lakes. As President of the Lake Wononscopomuc Association in the Town of Salisbury I can assure you that invasive species are a major costly and management problem for us and for the town.

We have had a serious Eurasian Water Milfoil infestation since 1975. Each year the association and the town spend more than \$60,000 just on harvesting the milfoil from our 343 acre lake. The milfoil has spread to some 130 acres. We carry on an education program for residents of our watershed on the importance of preventing nutrient runoff or inadvertently introducing other invasive plants.

Our neighbor Twin Lakes already has a zebra mussel infestation. The association provides a boat watch program during fishing season to prevent boaters from unwittingly transporting zebra mussel veligers (or larvae) into our lake.

There is no quick fix for this problem, but H.B. 6637 would certainly help at no cost for the state budget.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Littauer', written in a cursive style.

William Littauer
President: Lake Wononscopomuc Association

Cc: Rep. Maria Horn